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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT

According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 28th-November, through Sunday, 5th-December there were 224 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4X, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5U, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C5, C6, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, F, FG, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FR, FS, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HC, HC8, HH, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J2, J3, J5, J6, J7, J8, JA, JT, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PJ5, PJ7, PY, PZ, R1FJ, S2, S5, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T7, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TL, TR, TU, TY, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK0M, VK9N, VK9X, VP2E, VP2M, VP2V, VP5, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XU, YA, YB, YI, YK, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZD8, ZD9, ZF, ZK2, ZL, ZL7, ZL8, ZP, ZS

PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

5K3, COLOMBIA

A team of five Colombian radio amateurs will activate the special callsign 5K3B on December

8th. Activity is to celebrate the Bicentenary Colombian Independence from the district of La Candelaria, in the historical center of Bogota. Operations will be on 80-2 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via HK3O. Suggested frequencies are:

CW - 3524, 7024, 10104, 14024, 18074, 21024, 24904, 28024 and 50105
SSB - 3790, 7065, 7150, 14195, 21295, 28495 and 50105
Digi - 7038, 10142, 14084 and 18100 kHz

Activity is good towards an award for the 50 best, most interesting and beautiful sites in Colombia. See:

http://www.macodex.com/bases.htm

For more info/details, see **(QRZ.com)**.

6W, SENEGAL

Dave, WJ2O, will be active as WJ2O/6W during the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 19-20th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. Dave informs OPDX that he will arrive in Senegal on February 17th and will be leaving on the 23rd. Activity outside of the contest will be 100% on CW and mostly on the 30/17/12 meter bands. Logs can be viewed in an "almost real-time" at **wj2o.com**. QSL via WJ2O.

9L, SIERRA LEONE (Update)

Stephen, G7BXU, will be spending the Christmas and New Year holidays in Freetown between December 19th and January 7th. He hopes to be on air most days using the callsign 9L1BXU. His equipment will be a FT-897 and a G5RV antenna. QSL via his home callsign after his return.

A6, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

By the time you read this Don, N1DG, is expected to leave Qatar (where he was active as A71A) to arrive in U.A.E on December 5th, for three days because of his job. However, his activity will be limited due to his work; he is expected to operate from the A61AD station once again, possibly on 12 and 17 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. The A61AD station does have a 4 element SteppIR for 20-6 meters, so Don's activity will be limited to those bands. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW upon conclusion of his trip.

BX5, TAIWAN

Jimmy, BX5AA, will be active during the ARRL DX SSB Contest (March 5-6th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. Jimmy states that BX5 is a rare prefix for Taiwan (CQ 24). QSL via BX5AA. Visit his Web page at:

http://blog.yam.com/bx5aa

C6, BAHAMAS

Drew, N2RFA, will once again be active as C6ABB from Nassau (**NA-001**) between February 7-17th. Activity will be on 80/40/20/17 meters. He plans to operate on some of the Digital modes (PSK31, RTTY and possibly SSTV). QSL via his home callsign.

CY0, SABLE ISLAND (Update)

By the time you read this, the CY0 team should be in Halifax, NS, Canada, completing the final

logistics. The latest report states that all equipment and supplies have already arrived in Halifax - the departure point to Sable Island. The charter flight to Sable Island is scheduled for an early morning departure on Monday, December 6th. The CY0 team is hoping to be "ON THE AIR" by 2100z, Monday, December 6th. Operators Randy/N0TG, Ron/AA4VK and Murray/WA4DAN will sign homecall/CY0 through December 13th. Suggested frequencies are as follows (listening up, unless noted - also +/- QRM):
CW - 1826 (down for JA), 3523 (up or down), 7023, 10106, 14023, 18072, 21023, 24892, 28023 and 50090 kHz
SSB - 1843, 3781 (and JA window), 7135 (up or down), 14130, 14190 (alternate), 18145, 21295, 24945, 28450 and 50125 (listening freq.)
RTTY - 3585, 7050 (up or down), 10140 (down), 14080 (down), 21089 and 28089 kHz
QSL "all" callsigns DIRECT via N0TG or the preferred QSL route is via the "ONLINE QSL REQUEST Service". QSL instructions and options are listed on our Web site:

http://www.CY0dxpedition.com

(Click on How to QSL)

DXCC NEWS (From "DX-World.Net")

Bill Moore, NC1L, Awards Branch Manager, reports that the following eight operations from Africa have been approved for DXCC credit:

9Q/DK3MO - Democratic Republic of the Congo; 2007 through the present
3C0C - Annobon; 2010 Operation
3C9B - Equatorial Guinea; 2010 Operation
3V9A - Tunisia; 2010 Operation
3V0A - Tunisia; 2010 Operation
TS7TI - Tunisia; Also includes /p operation; 2010 Operation
TS8P - Tunisia; Also includes /p operation; 2010 Operation
TS9A - Tunisia; 2010 Operation

E51, SOUTH COOK ISLANDS

Andy, AB7FS, is now active as E51AND from Arorangi on **Rarotonga Island (OC-013)** until January 1st (2011). He plans to operate on or around 14260 kHz (IOTA Frequency) using 100 watts into a vertical and/or long wire. However, there was a 15 meter spot reported on the cluster network.
PLEASE NOTE (via QRZ.com): Andy states the following:

> "I'm NOT a DXer - much more of a rag-chewer - so please have patience with my operating procedures -- I'm on the air to have fun, not to score the maximum number of contacts in the shortest time. I don't collect QSL cards or awards, but will happily QSL to people who send an SASE or IRC."

QSL via his home callsign. See QRZ.com for some pictures he has taken from past visits.

E2E, THAILAND

Charly, HS0ZCW/K4VUD, will operate the ARRL 10 Meter Contest (December 11-12th) as E2E on CW and SSB. QSL to HS0AC.

E51, SOUTH COOK ISLANDS

Compton, VK2HRZ, will be active as E51HRX from **Rarotonga Island (OC-013)** between December 1320th. Activity will be on 40/20/6 meters SSB only. QSL via VK2HRX.

FREE MAGAZINE

A Spanish ham radio magazine is now free to download in digital format from:

http://www.radionoticias.com

You can now download the December issue. The magazine includes info on transceivers, receivers, antennas tests and much more. Also, DX, contest, shortwave, propagation and plenty of radio information is included. The publication is also interactive, including videos and direct links to the importers.

II7, ITALY (Special Event)

Look for special activity by the members of the ARI Taranto Section to celebrate the "Italian Ships Nave Cavour" (II7IASM) and Nave Duilio (II7IADU) between now and December 31st. QSl via IK7WDS. For more info, see:

http://www.aritaranto.it

IOTA NEWS

NA-138. John, K8LJG, will be active as K8LJG/4 from **Amelia Island** between now and January 4th (2011). Activity will be on the regular CW and SSB IOTA frequencies usinh a Kenwood TS50s and a G5RV antenna. QSL via K8LJG.

OC-130. By the time you read this Peter, DK2PR, is expected to be on the **Island of Mindanao** (WLOTA 2803) in the Philippines until January 3rd, 2011. The Island of Mindanao is called "The Land of Promise". He hopes to be active on all HF bands. He may also activate other Philippine islands. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau.

SA-031/
SA-097. (Update to OPDX.984) Operators Cezar/VE3LYC and Johan/PA3EXX will attempt a very challenging expedition to **Wollaston Islands (SA-031) and Diego Ramirez Islands (SA-097)** between approx. January 7-22nd. The team will have three transceivers (w/100 watts) and two Multi-band verticals (with and without traps). QSL via VE3LYC, by the Bureau or direct (mail or PAYPAL; see Web page for details). A Web page is now active at:

http://ce9iota.weebly.com/index.html

This is not only a difficult but also a very expensive oper- ation. At this time the team seeks enthusiastic groups and individual donors who wish to be part of this effort. Financial support can be sent by mail to Cezar/VE3LYC or PayPal to:

tiberius.trifu@gmail.com

All contributions to this project will be acknowledged.

KH6BZF PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (For December 6-12th).

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Dec   6    AN          SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS
Dec   7    AN-HN       --------------------
Dec   8    AN          BN - Below Normal
Dec   9    AN          AN - Above Normal/Geomagnetic Level is QUIET
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Dec  10    AN          LN - Low Normal
Dec  11    HN-AN       HN - High Normal/Geomagnetic Level is UNSETTLED
Dec  12    HN-AN       DIS  - Disturbed
                       VDIS - Very Disturbed


  GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE
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  QUIET - The "A" index is expected to be between
          0-7 and the "K" index will be 2 or less
  UNSETTLED - The "A" index is expected to be between
          7-16 and "K" index will be 3 or less
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OA, PERU

Martijn, PA3GFE, will be here for a month and plans to be active as OA4/PA3GFE sometime between December 28th and January 28th. Activity will be holiday style on 40-15 meters, possibly 80m, using mainly CW and the Digital modes. QSL via his home callsign, by the Bureau or direct.

PJ2, NETHERLANDS ANTILLES

Members of the Caribbean Contesting Consortium (CCC) will once again activate Signal Point Station on Curacao (SA-006, WLOTA LH-0942) as PJ2T during the CQWW DX 160m CW Contest (January 28-30th, 2011) as a Multi-Op/High-Power entry. Operators will be Jeff/K8ND and Jim/W8WTS. QSL via LoTW or direct to N9AG.

QSL INFO AND NEWS

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QSL-INFO from DB0SDX (dated Dcember 5th)
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6W/AA1AC via AA1AC        J45V via SV5CJQ (direct)   SN0N7W via SP4KSY
AH0/AH2Y via HL1IWD       KH2/N7JAL via JM1WJI       SO2S via SP2QG
AH0DX via WX8C            LN8W via LA9VDA         SV0XCA/5 via LZ1WL (Bureau)
AM5M via EA5RS            MW5B via G3TXF             SV8/DK3SJ via DK3SJ
AN5A via EC5CR            OF50VRA via OH4TY          SZ6P via SV1BJW
CE1/K7CA via NW7O         OG20YL via OH2YL           TM4TLT via F4KIP
CM3RPN via EB7DX          OK7U via OK1HDU            TM55SN via F6KUP
CN2LW via HB9EOU          OL0A via OK1CZ             TP60CE via F5LGF
CT8/DL2RNS via DL2RNS     OL0W via OK1DSZ            UW3U via UT7UJ
CU2/DL2RNS via DL2RNS     OL1C via OK1AN             V47NT via W2RQ
CW3TD via EB7DX           OM0M via OM3VSZ            VC3A via VE3AT
EA7/DL8DBJ/P via DL8DBJ   OM8A via OM2VL             VK6HZ via VK6IR
EA9/DL9USA via DL9USA     OP4A via ON6LY             VP2V/N3DXX via KN5H
EH7JA via EA7NL           P33W via UA3DX             W2W via K3NEM
EM20WOC via UT1WL         PJ2/K8LEE via K8LEE        XV4SP via DL7DF
EN220FI via UX0FF         PJ2/K8ND via K8ND          YN2EA via W5PF
ER4A via RA4LW (direct)   R100KU via UA4AM           YP2GEO via YO2KAR
EX8VM via RW6HS           RF4M via UA4LKU            YS1/HB9KNA via HB9KNA
HG3DX via HA3FHH          RF8O via UA9PM             ZB2X via OH2KI
IR4X via I4EAT            RF9T via RW9SW             ZL7A via JF1OCQ
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TDXS NICARAGUA LOG SEARCH WEB PAGE NOW ONLINE

Steve, W9DX, informs OPDX that he now has the November 2010 "Texas DX Society's" (TDXS) DXpedition log search for Nicaragua activated online at:

http://www.tdxs.net/h7v/logsearch.htm

The CQWW DX CW Contest QSOs are included. Logs include H7V, YN2EA, YN2PF and YN2WF. QSL Manager for all callsigns is W5PF.

LOTW UPLOAD. Flaviano, I2MOV, informs OPDX that he has uploaded about 80,000 QSOs on LoTW with the following callsigns: I1MOV, IK2MOV, I2MOV, 3A/I2MOV and IS0/I2MOV.

QSLS VIA LoTW: 3B9/IZ4AKS, 3B9C, 4Z5LA, 5V7TT, 6V7Z, 7M4CDX, A25SL, BD2RJ/2, C6AKX, CE3FZ, CT1EKY, DL1YD, DL5DSM, E74A, E79D, EA3GHZ, EA3GLB, ER0FEO, ES1BA, EU7SA, EY8MM, F1MWV, F2DX, FJ/SM5ENX, G4SOF, GM6Z, HA2EOA, HB9BGV, HB9JNM, HB9LCW, HV4NAC, JA1GHH, JA1MRM, JA7OUV, JE1LFX, K1AR, K8PO, KG4QW, KH6LC, KH6MB, KH6ZM, KL8DX, LA3ANA, LN9Z, MU0GSY, MW5B, N1IW, NP3CW, OE1DXA, OE9MON, OK3R, P33W, P40L, P49Y, PA/ON6CQ, PA7TWO, OX3XR, RW9C, SP7FFY, SP8HXN, SV1GYG, SV1JG, T70A, UN1L, US5CB, W3LPL, VA3JWR, VA3MJR, VA7AM, VE3QN, VE1AL, VE3IQ, VK6ANC, VU2PAI, XF1RCS, ZA3HA, ZC4LI and ZK2DL

QSLS RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 5V7TT, 9X0TL, AA4V/VP9, BA8AG, BA8AG/4, BV1EJ, CE6TC, CP4BT, E20AS, ER3ZZ, FS/N4ECW, FWD2A, OD5/DL6SN, PJ4I, TO7ZG, TX5TES, UK8OM, V63CJB, VE3AXW, VE7KDU, VK0KEV, VP2V/N3DXX, VP2MAH, VY0X, XR6T, XW1B, YB0/WK1S, YB0NFL, YB9/WK1S, YP2U and ZK3OU

QSLS RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: CE6M, JW5LJA, TM5EL, TO2HI, TO4D and TO5SM/p

S2, BANGLADESH

Operators Zorro/JH1AJT, Ted/JJ1LIB, Jon/KL2A, Lee/DS4EOI and A51HI will be active as S21FGC from Dhaka between December 16-21st, with the support of Dr. Zahudul Haque Shipon, S21VA, Vice President of Bangladesh Amateur Radio League, IARU member society. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW and SSB. However, they might concentrate on 160/80/40 meters CW. QSL via JH1AJT.

T8, PALAU

Ryosei, JH0IXE/KH0C will be active as T8CW between December 22th and January 6th (2011). Activity will be on 160-6 meters with most operations on the Digital modes, but he will use CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK31, WSJT(JT65A) and SSTV. QSL via JH0IXE.

T8, PALAU

Operators Hitosh "Jin"/JA1LPH and Himeko "Hime"/JG1IDX will be active as T88SC and T88SQ, respectively, from **Palau Island (OC-009)** between December 8-12th. Activity will be on 20/15/10 meters SSB only. QSL via their home callsigns, direct or by the Bureau.

V3, BELIZE (IOTA Op)

German operators Joe/DJ1JB and Max/DJ4EL will be active as V31ML and V31ME, respectively, from four of Belize's islands during January 2011. The duo plan to activate the following IOTAs on the following dates:
January 10-11th - **Ambergris Caye (NA-073)**
January 11-14th - **Caye Caulker (NA-073)**

January 14-18th - **Long Caye (NA-123)**
January 18-26th - **Tobacco Caye (NA-180)**
Activity will be on 80-10 meters SSB using two stations with 100 watts into homemade Quads, a wire antenna and a vertical. QSL via their home callsign, by the Bureau or direct.

V7, MARSHALL ISLANDS (Update/Callsign Change/IOTA Op)

The Russian Robinson Club members Tim Tilleman/NL8F (V73TM - not V73CF as first reported) and Yuri Sushkin/N3QQ (V73QQ) are now traveling to Enewetak Atoll and are expected to be there on Monday, December 6th. Their plan is to be on the uninhabited **Ujelang Atoll (OC-278, a new IOTA)** as V73RRC between December 8-11th. Remember, all dates are subject to change due to transportation availability and weather. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW and SSB. QSL V73RRC and V73QQ via N7RO. QSL V73TM via K8NA. PLEASE NOTE: Yuri states, "DO NOT SUBMIT OTHER QSL REQUESTS WITH THOSE FOR SA-031 / SA-097, AS THEY WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY REPLIED VIA THE BUREAU." For updates/live GPS tracking, watch:

http://www.oc-278.ucoz.com

VQ9, CHAGOS ISLANDS

Larry, VQ9LA, informs OPDX that he will depart the British Indian Ocean Territory (BIOT), **Diego Garcia (AF-006)**, on January 24th. He states, "My plans are to operate as much as possible up to the last day, will try and put as much low band and RTTY on the air as possible before my departure date. All logs will be updated to LoTW, direct/Bureau QSL cards via N0QM will also be fine. Sending cards to my Diego address may or may not be lost in the mail due to the post office mishandling of mail. After my departure from VQ9, I will be living in the Philippines part of the year and USA part of the year. All QSL cards after January 2011 will be handled once I make it back to the states next year (May 2011). Once the proper paperwork is filed with the RP Government I will operate a Elecraft K2 transceiver 40-10 meters CW/RTTY. Low band ops will not be possible the first year due to a small house. My callsign should be DU3/N0QM. QSL via N0QM and LoTW."

WH0, MARIANA ISLANDS

Operators Teri/JN7GLC and Kazuhiro "Kaz"/JE7DMH are now active as WH0/WH7C from **Northern Mariana Island (OC-086)** until December 6th. Activity will be on 80-6 meters using CW, SSB and FM. QSL via JE7DMH. QSO will be uploaded to LoTW/eQSL. Visit their Web site at:

http://www.aizuno.com/WH7C

XU7, CAMBODIA

Nob, JA1FMZ, will be active as XU7FMZ between December 9-22nd. Activity will include the ARRL 10M Contest (December 11-12th). QSL via his home callsign, direct (see **(QRZ.com)**), LoTW or e-QSL. Visit his Blog page at:

http://DXvacation.com

XW, LAOS

Hiroo, JA2EZD, will once again be active as XW2A for another year (specific dates not

provided). Activity will be on the HF bands using an IC-706 and TL922 amplifier. QSL via: Hiroo Yonezuka, Box DD153, Huang Sathai, Vientiane, Laos.

ZL8, KERMADEC ISLANDS

By the time you read this, the ZL8X group should be going QRT from **Raoul Island (OC-039)**. QSL via DJ2MX. As of print time, ZL8X has made 143,211 QSOs (81407/CW, 45849/SSB and 15955/RTTY). For updates:

http://www.kermadec.de

An online log search is now available for the ZL8X Kermadec DXpedition at:
http://www.kermadec.de/service/online_log/index.php

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The Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin now has a new FAX number.
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1-419-828-7791 (F A X only!)

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please send mail to me via " **kb8nw@arrl.net** "..... TNX de Tedd KB8NW

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Help: opdx-request@barf80.org Subject:help
Subscribe: opdx-request@barf80.org Subject:subscribe
Unsubscribe: opdx-request@barf80.org Subject:unsubscribe

OPDX WORLD-WIDE WEB HOME (provided by John, K8YSE (k8yse@papays.com):
http://www.papays.com/opdx.html

ALSO VISIT THE NORTERN OHIO DX ASSOCIATION'S WEB HOME PAGE:
http://www.papays.com/nodxa.html

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